Details requested by the C&AG and the CVC have been made available to them. The Ministry of Defence is extending all possible co-operation to the CVC and the C&AG for expeditious completion of Review/Special Audit/ investigations by them.

Bihar Soldiers Killed and injured in Kargil War

†2141. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers from Bihar who were either killed or injured during Kargil war;

(b) whether the families of all these soldiers have been provided financial assistance by Government; .

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The details of Army personnel belonging to Bihar, killed during Kargil conflict are as under:

Officer	JCO	Other Rank
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State-wise details of unjured soldiers are not being maintained. A comprehensive welfare package has been provided to the next of kin of the Army personnel killed in the Kargil conflict. This includes ex-gratia lumpsem copensation of Rs. 10 lakhs; liberalised special family pension on the basis of last pay drawn by the deceased soldier; and death gratuity and family gratuity as per specified rates, as applicable. Apart from the above, the following assistance has been provided from the National Defence Fund: Rs.5 lakhs for dwelling unit; Rs. 1 lakh per child for education upto two children per family; Rs. 1.20 lakhs for needy parents who were dependent on the decased soliders. An additional exgratia amount of Rs. 30,000/has also been provided from the Army Central Welfare Fund. Besides, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has separately earmarked LPG dealerships/distributorships' for allocation to the next of kin of the Army Personnel killed.

Financial assistance as above has been provided to NOKs, as applicable, on completion of necessary documentation.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.